EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given a telephone interview

with Mr. Alfonse Collins on 2/14/2010.

3.   Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

        13. (Currently Amended) A computer program <u>executing on a processor which,</u>

<u>when used on a requesting machine, causes</u> ~~adapted to be stored on a data medium~~

~~and including program instructions for executing the method according to claim 1 of~~

~~sending~~ at least one request <u>to be sent to a domain name server from the requesting</u>

<u>machine, said domain name server being an E.164.arpa telephone number domain</u>

<u>name server and each name being determined from an E.164 format destination</u>

<u>telephone number contained in said request, the computer program comprising:</u>

        <u>program code for executing a prior test of the validity of the destination telephone</u>

<u>number of the request automatically and locally to the requesting machine relative to a</u>

<u>telephone number database local to the requesting machine to forward the request from</u>

<u>the requesting machine to the domain name server only if its destination telephone</u>

<u>number passes said test;</u>

        <u>program code for storing at least one numbering plan in the telephone number</u>

<u>database local to the requesting machine, the numbering plan or each numbering plan</u>

comprising at least one block of telephone numbers, and said test includes a step of

determining whether the destination telephone number of the request belongs to a block

of numbers of the numbering plan, the destination telephone number of the request

failing said test if a result of the determination step is negative; and

program code for storing separate blocks of telephone numbers associated with

respective prescribed characteristics of numbers in the block in the telephone number

database local to the requesting machine and said determination step further comprises

a step of determining to which block of telephone numbers in the telephone number

database local to the requesting machine the destination telephone number of the

request belongs, and if it is determined that the destination telephone number of the

request belongs to a block of the numbering plan the characteristics associated with the

block thus determined are read in the telephone number database local to the

requesting machine, it is verified whether the destination telephone number of the

request conforms to the characteristics thus read, and the request is forwarded from the

requesting machine to the domain name server only if the verification result is a positive

result.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to PHUNG-HOANG J. NGUYEN whose telephone number

is (571)270-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday,

8:30AM - 5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571 272 7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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